

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

May 17, 1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 17, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

Sheriff James Albert Riley the DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Vacant-----District 3
- John Caldwell-----District 4
- Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. “Sluggo” Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- Charlie Brown----- Deputy Sheriff of DeSoto County
- William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission.
****See Exhibit C.****

D. GENEALOGY SOCIETY - BILL WATTS, PRESIDENT

Mr. Bill Watts, President of the Genealogy Society thanked the Board of Supervisors for relocating the Genealogy Society to the first floor. Mr. Watts said since the relocation, the Genealogy Society has encountered all walks of life and tourists from all over the world.

Mr. Watts reminded the Board of Supervisors the Genealogy Society consists of all volunteers and the society is funded by dues. At this time, Mr. Watts presented his concerns in establishing an Archives Department for DeSoto County. Mr. Watts said the City of Oxford is in the process of establishing an Archives Department and they could request information from DeSoto County. Mr. Watts said the Genealogy Society does not want to compete with other cities and at this time would like to request the County endorse a Resolution to establish an Archives Department for DeSoto County.

ITEM D, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Eugene Thach requested the Board Attorney look into the matter and advise the Board of Supervisors of the issues relating to establishing an Archives Department.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to take this issue under advisement and to allow the Board Attorney to look into the matter and requested Mr. Watts to prepare the Resolution as needed to establish an Archives Department for DeSoto County and allow the Board Attorney to review the Resolution. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----	Yes
District 3-----	Vacant
John Caldwell-----	Yes
Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

****See Exhibit D.****

E. GIS/WASTEWATER PRESENTATION - WAGGONER ENGINEER

- 1. GIS Needs Assessment Report**
- 2. Approval to Enlarge Photographs to Match Overlay Maps**
- 3. Develop MSTC Compliance Plan for Ownership Mapping**
- 4. Secure Funding for High Priority Areas**

Mr. Emad AlTurk of Waggoner Engineering presented a short overview of the GIS Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. AlTurk said currently DeSoto County is in compliance with the Mississippi State Tax Commission, as the county has been flown, with pending enlargements of photographs to match property ownership maps which are due by May 30th, 1999.

Mr. AlTurk said with the initial GIS Needs Assessment complete, now is the time to implement the development of the GIS system. Mr. AlTurk said a GIS base mapping or foundation will need to be developed in order to build upon. This base mapping will consist of data base design; data and graphic base development; hardware and software acquisition; application development; and training. Mr. AlTurk said the GIS foundation layer would include digital photography; planametric coverage; and topographic mapping consisting of 1' and 5' contours.

Mr. AlTurk notified the Board of several options in funding this project. Mr. AlTurk said this project can be funded from the GIS Act; User Fee System; EPA Grants; Inter-local with other Public Jurisdictions; or through a Public/Private Partnership.

County Administrator, David Armstrong said at this time the Board of Supervisors need to go forward with a EPA application. Mr. AlTurk said before the EPA application can be presented, Waggoner Engineer needs to know the scope of work DeSoto County has opted for.

Supervisor John Caldwell stated, unless the Board of Supervisors is ready to move full force with GIS, they should instruct Waggoner Engineer to proceed with Option (1) for the EPA application.

ITEM E, CONTINUED,

Emad AlTurk said E 911 is in the planning stages of updating their system. Supervisor

Eugene Thach said the County does not have an exact figure of contribution from either E-911 nor the cities. Mr. AlTurk suggested holding this issue over until a meeting could be scheduled with E-911 and the perspective cities before proceeding with the EPA application. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would a ball park figure of contribution from either E-911 or the cities.

County Administrator, David Armstrong asked Mr. AlTurk if he would suggest the county go out for proposals in connection with the GIS system. Mr. AlTurk said that is the Board's call, not Waggoner Engineering.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors need to make a decision regarding the GIS/Wastewater program. Supervisor Caldwell asked the Board if they wanted to do this. Mr. AlTurk stated DeSoto County would benefit from this plan if a GIS System was implemented.

Emad AlTurk proposed funding approaches such as General Fund, Levy Taxes, User Fee System, E-911 Fund, EPA Grant Funds, Inter Locals with Cities, or Public/Private Funds. Mr. AlTurk suggested the User Fee System as a good way to proceed. Mr. AlTurk said in order to do so, a study should be made to determine what the market will support and to estimate revenues.

County Administrator, David Armstrong asked Mr. AlTurk if DeSoto County could layer this program. Mr. AlTurk replied, yes this program can be layered, but if there is not enough details, this would not be a marketable plan. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he did not realize E-911 needed to be updated. Mr. AlTurk suggested scheduling a meeting with E-911 and the cities which would be involved in this program.

Supervisor Eugene Thach explained to Mr. AlTurk the County only receives a certain amount of funding for this GIS project. Mr. AlTurk replied, the County can go back to Congress and request additional funding for this project. Supervisor Eugene Thach said if the EPA money is spent on GIS, there will be less for the sewer study.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said if GIS is not tied in, E-911 would not benefit and therefore they would not contribute. Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested a meeting be scheduled with E-911 and the cities.

Mr. AlTurk asked the Board of Supervisors for a decision in connection with the Options related to the EPA application only. Mr. AlTurk said this decision making is only to complete and present the EPA application, not deciding on whom would do the actual work.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to hold this issue over until June 1st, 1999 to allow the County to meet with e-911 and the cities. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----	Yes
District 3-----	Vacant
John Caldwell-----	Yes
Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

****See Exhibit E.****

ITEM F.1.a, CONTINUED,

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment

a. Horn Lake Library Board - District 3

This issue was held over until June 1st, 1999. ****See Exhibit F.1.a****

b. Civic Center - District 3

This issue was held over until June 1st, 1999. ****See Exhibit F.1.b****

c. Team DeSoto - District 3 & District 4

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor John Caldwell as District 4 appointee for Team DeSoto and to hold the appointee for District 3 over until June 1st, 1999. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit F.1.c****

2. Old Cub Lake Road

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he has reviewed Old Cub Lake Road and agrees with Supervisor Eugene Thach that the road has not been worked in years.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion, to clarify Old Cub Lake Road as an abandoned road. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit F.2****

3. Personnel Manual

County Administrator, David Armstrong presented a quote not to exceed \$ 2,000.00 from Twiford Webster & Gresham for completion of the Employee Handbook, with a final working draft to be presented to the Board within five (5) days after receiving recommendations and corrections. Further, Twiford Webster & Gresham will produce an employee handbook. Mr. Twiford will travel to DeSoto County to present the final draft of the handbook.

ITEM F.3, CONTINUED,

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, David Armstrong, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the contract with Twiford Webster & Gresham for the completion of the

Employee Handbook at a cost not to exceed \$ 2,000.00, including an employee handbook of approximately fifteen (15) pages. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

David Armstrong reminded the Board of Supervisors that this does not include printing.

****See Exhibit F.3****

4. Inventory Disposition

a. Metro Narcotics

County Administrator, David Armstrong, presented an affidavit from Commander Gary Smith of Metro Narcotics in connection with the inventory disposition of property not found, reassigned, auctioned, destroyed, or forfeited.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if an investigation has been done on items listed. Mr. Armstrong replied, no, as Commander Smith states these items were not there when he accepted the position of Commander for Metro Narcotics.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked to whom does this property belong, the State or the County. Mr. Armstrong asked Board Attorney, William Austin if this property belongs to the County. Mr. Austin replied, the way this affidavit is written, this will not place a closure to the missing property. Supervisor John Caldwell said a letter is just not acceptable.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion, to hold over this issue pending an investigation of the missing property. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit F.4.a****

b. Sheriff's Department

County Administrator, David Armstrong, presented an affidavit from Captain Randy Doss of the Sheriff's Department in connection with the inventory disposition of property not found.

ITEM F.4.b, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to hold over this issue pending an investigation of the missing property. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

At the recommendation of David Armstrong, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to remove property numbers 228100 and 2281011 from inventory. These guns represent a duplication of inventory with 12092 and 12093. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit F.4.b****

5. Tax Assessor - Administration Building - Cost of install door

This issue was held over until June 1st, 1999. ****See Exhibit F.5****

6. Budget Amendment - Family & Children

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, and to allow Family & Children Services to purchase file cabinets and blinds, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Family and Children under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-456-934	office furniture and fixtures	\$ 1,023.00
Lower	001-456-662	carpet and floor covering	\$ 1,023.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit F.6****

ITEM F.7, CONTINUED,

7. Cleveland & Getwell - Graves Creek Cemetery - Supervisor Tommy Lewis

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to authorize the Road Manager Kenny Gunn to inspect and fix the area along side of Graves Creek Cemetery by constructing a retaining wall or by other means. The

motion passed by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SWAT TEAM - Guns - Sheriff Riley

This issue was held over until June 1st, 1999.

2. Budget Amendment

a. Circuit Clerk - Election Expense

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Circuit Clerk Election Expenses under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-180-523	contract printing	\$ 7,000.00
Lower	001-180-459	clerk's election fees	\$ 7,000.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.2.a****

ITEM G.2.b, CONTINUED,

b. EMS

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and

Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for EMS under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-240-440	part time salary	\$ 1,000.00
Increase	001-240-502	phone	\$ 10,000.00
Increase	001-240-544	maintenance contract	\$ 3,000.00
Increase	001-240-581	other contract service	\$ 5,000.00
Increase	001-240-587	training and registration	\$ 5,000.00
Increase	001-240-603	office supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Increase	001-240-614	photo reproduction supplies	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-240-617	first aid and oxygen	\$ 20,000.00
Increase	001-240-655	other maintenance supplies	\$ 500.00
Lower	001-240-480	Walls,Eudora, & Lewisburg Svr	\$ 47,000.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.2.b***

c. Planning Commission

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Planning Commission under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-107-403	code enforcement officers salary	\$ 2,624.00
Decrease	001-107-404	office clerical	\$ 2,624.00
Increase	001-107-521	legal advertising	\$ 1,300.00
Decrease	001-107-442	planning assistant salary	\$ 1,300.00
Decrease	001-107-933	office machinery and equipment	\$ 900.00
Increase	001-107-937	radio purchase	\$ 900.00
Decrease	001-107-442	planning assistant	\$ 530.00
Increase	001-107-440	part time salary Ms.Dunaway	\$ 530.00

ITEM G.2.c, CONTINUED,

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.2.c****

d. County Administrator

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the County Administrator under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-120-581	contractual service	\$ 4,500.00
Decrease	001-120-404	office clerical	\$ 4,500.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.2.d****

3. Contract Renewal - Franklin Collection

Vanessa Lynchard presented a request to renew the contract with Franklin Collection. Vanessa said there would be no changes in the renewal contract and the Board Attorney, William Austin has approved of the renewal until the end of the term. Mr. Austin recommended the contract be renewed not past the term of office, at which time, the contract may be renewed as per the original agreement. Vanessa Lynchard said Franklin Collection has done a good job and they have acted professionally and with good results.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to renew the contract with Franklin Collection until December 31st, 1999. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.3****

ITEM G.4, CONTINUED,

4. Bell South Mobility - Approval of Contract - Judge Mills Barbee

Vanessa notified the Board of Supervisors, Judge Mills Barbee has been using his personal cellular telephone for county business. Vanessa said at this time, Judge Barbee is requesting the county furnish him with a \$ 19.99 cellular telephone with a 200 minute package to conduct the business of the county. Vanessa presented a contract for the Board's approval.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the

motion to furnish Judge Mills Barbee with a \$ 19.99 cellular telephone with a 200 minute package to conduct the business of the county under the terms presented in the attached contract. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.4****

5. NCRS - Award of Contract - Dean Road, College Road, Bright Road

David Armstrong presented the contract award for NCRS for work on Dean, College, and Brights Road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what was the county's portion of the NCRS contract. Vanessa replied, 25% of \$ 266,616.00.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the NCRS contract subject to money in the budget. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.5****

6. Approval of Lease Documents for One Motor Grader

Vanessa notified the Board of Supervisors the Motor Grader has been delivered and this request will allow the Board President to execute the lease documents for the Motor Grader through First Continental as previously approval.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, authorizing the Board President to execute the lease documents with First Continental for the Motor Grader.

ITEM G.6, CONTINUED,

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.6****

7. Proposal to Haul & Spread Civic Center Dirt

Supervisor John Caldwell presented recommendations for the hauling and spreading of the Civic Center Dirt to the Star Landing land fill. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn could negotiate the spreading of the dirt. Hill Brothers is the low bidder hauling and spreading approximately 15,000 to 25,000 cubic yards of dirt at a price of \$ 3.00 per cubic yard. The Board of Supervisors agreed, at the price quoted, the Road Manager’s time may be better spent on county projects.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if this dirt would work for the rubbish pit. Supervisor John Caldwell replied, he did not know, due to a price not being quoted for hauling of dirt to the rubbish pit. The Board of Supervisors discussed the quote to haul the dirt was at a good price.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the negotiated bids, with Hill Brothers being the low bidder to haul and spread dirt from the Civic Center to the Star Landing land fill not to exceed 23,000 cubic yards of dirt at \$ 3.00 per yard to be paid through the Park Allocation. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----No
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.7****

8. Proposal for Construction Staking - Veterans Park

Supervisor John Caldwell presented recommendations for the construction staking for the rough grading for Veterans Park in DeSoto County. Supervisor John Caldwell said the cost of this service is \$ 6,100.00, which will be funded out of park funds in the budget.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to accept the contract with Fisher and Arnold in the amount of \$ 6,100.00 to be paid from park funds. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----No
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.8****

ITEM G.9, CONTINUED,

9. Request for Assistance -

a. Horn Lake High School - gravel

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to hold this item over to get recommendations from the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn in connection with the request for gravel for Horn Lake High School. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes

District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.9.a****

- b. School Bus Turnaround - Nesbit, Ms. Bus #64**
- c. School Bus Turnaround - Byhalia, Ms. Bus #131**
- School Bus Turnaround - Horn Lake, Ms. Bus # 22**

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated May 5th, 1999 and May 7th, 1999, from the DeSoto County Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird requesting the county to maintain the properties which are used as school bus turnarounds. The properties are as follows:

Kay Wilson	4967 Tulane Road	Nesbit, Ms.	Bus#64
Cheryl Baker	13285 Holly Springs Rd	Byhalia, Ms.	Bus#131
R.G. Moore	8841 Baker Road	Horn Lake, Ms	Bus#22

In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to build, maintain, and improve the properties listed in the Superintendent’s letter dated May 5th, 1999 and May 7th, 1999, and to direct the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith. Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.9.b.c****

ITEM G.9.d, CONTINUED,

d. Horn Lake Middle School - flashing school zone lights

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion, to hold this item over pending recommendations from the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn in connection with the request for a flashing school zone lights on Horn Lake Road at Horn Lake Middle School. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.9.d****

10. Animal Shelter - Supervisor Tommy Lewis

Supervisor Tommy Lewis notified the Board of Supervisors he has been approached by residents for use of the Fair Building for an animal shelter for abandoned animals.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Supervisor Lewis if this request is similar to establishing a local humane society. Supervisor Lewis replied, yes.

The Board of Supervisors instructed County Administrator, David Armstrong to ask Jim Bearden to examine this possibility and to ask the Board Attorney, William Austin to look into the legal aspects of the request.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

11. MPO Subcommittee Report

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the MPO Subcommittee Report into the minutes; to authorize Merritt Powell to organize a subcommittee of Supervisor Eugene Thach, a representative from each city, and Merritt Powell. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----	Yes
District 3-----	Vacant
John Caldwell-----	Yes
Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

****See Exhibit G.11****

12. BFI Contract

The County Administrator, David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors the expiration of the current contract with BFI is December 31st, 1999. Mr. Armstrong said under the terms of the contract with BFI, DeSoto County must give BFI a six (6) month written notice to terminate the contract.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to place BFI on a six (6) month written notice to terminate the contract agreement.

ITEM G.12, CONTINUED,

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----	Yes
District 3-----	Vacant
John Caldwell-----	Yes
Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

****See Exhibit G.12****

13. Paramount Uniforms - Approval of Rental Agreement

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Eugene

Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve Paramount Uniforms as the low bidder for Central Maintenance, until December 31st, 1999, at which time the balance of the contract may be renewed. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.13****

14. Ordinance for Abandon Property

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, David Armstrong, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the ordinance for abandoned property and authorize a public hearing. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit G.14****

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The “Executive Session” portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of the minutes called “Executive Session.”

ITEM I, CONTINUED,

I. OTHER ISSUES

1. Sharp VL-E610 Video Camera - Donation to Sheriff’s Department

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the donation from Walmart of one (1) Sharp VL-E610 Video Camera to the Sheriff’s Department from Walmart in Southaven, Mississippi, and to authorize this property to be added to the inventory of the County. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit I.1****

2. EMS - Inclusive Billing

EMS Director, Bobby Storey notified the Board of Supervisors, that as he had mentioned earlier in the year Medicaid is no longer accepting line item billing. Mr. Storey presented new billing rates from Medicaid in connection with the Inclusive Billing.

Mr. Storey said the County has lost approximately \$ 12,000.00 due to the City of Hernando billing Medicaid by line and not according to the inclusive billing. However, all of the cities are now in agreement with this inclusive billing for Medicaid.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the inclusive billings per Medicaid procedures. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----	Yes
District 3-----	Vacant
John Caldwell-----	Yes
Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

****See Exhibit I.2****

3. EMS - Responses to Marshall County

EMS Director, Bobby Storey notified the Board of Supervisors that DeSoto County is responding to Marshall County as needed. Mr. Storey said as of this date, Lewisburg has made three (3) responses and Olive Branch has made one (1) in the last five (5) days. Mr. Storey said he will monitor this situation and notify the Board of Supervisors of changes.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. ****See Exhibit I.3****

ITEM I.4, CONTINUED,

4. EMS - Collections

EMS Director, Bobby Storey notified the Board of Supervisors there are several outstanding accounts belonging to elderly residents of DeSoto County, which have been denied by insurance or there is lack of insurance. Mr. Storey asked the Board of Supervisors for some direction in connection with these outstanding accounts as to whether these individuals should be referred to the collection agency.

Mr. Storey said residents on Medicare/Medicaid are usually hardship cases. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested a review of the residents ability to pay to determine if a hardship case is applicable through Mid State Opportunity.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. ****See Exhibit I.4****

5. Appointment - District 3 Supervisor

Vivian Berryhill, a county resident asked the Board of Supervisors if they will act on the Board of Supervisors Appointment for District 3 today. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said at the time, we don't know. The meeting then recessed for lunch.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until 1:15 p.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

Supervisor John Caldwell said he does not think it is good to hold open the District 3 Supervisors seat any longer than necessary. Supervisor Caldwell said all Supervisors have spoken regarding the appointment of a District 3 Supervisor. In addition Supervisor Caldwell said he has had numerous calls from people to recommend and endorse candidates for the job. Supervisor Caldwell said there is one candidate that he has only heard positive comments about. That is Jimmy Jones. Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Supervisor Tommy Lewis, and Supervisor Eugene Thach agreed he was highly recommended to them as well.

Therefore, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion, to appoint Mr. J. D. James as District 3 Supervisor, subject to acceptance from Mr. James, bonding, and swearing in. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

ITEM I.6, CONTINUED,

6. Dale Thompson - Late Bills

Dale Thompson, Comptroller of DeSoto County presented the late bills to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

(1) Bell South Mobility

(2) Elizabeth Dunaway - Election Worker

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the late bills for Bell South Mobility in the amount of \$ 1,577.67; to Elizabeth Dunaway in the amount of \$ \$ 44.44 and to authorize the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes

District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

****See Exhibit I.6.(2)****

7. Highway 301 South

Supervisor John Caldwell notified the Board of Supervisors he has contacted the Corp of Engineers in connection with the logging project hauling up and down Highway 301 South. Supervisor Caldwell said to meet the guidelines of the Corp of Engineers, the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn has asked the Corp to re-route the logging trucks from Highway 301 South to Platt Road through Tate County. The Corp has agreed.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

8. Burial Request - Planning Commission

Mr. Sam Russell of the Planning Commission notified the Board of Supervisors of a request to establish a family burial site at 4720 Byhalia Road, on 10.9 acres, located on the North side of Byhalia Road, and West of Laughter.

Mr. Russell said with the passing of Mr. Smith whom resided at the 4720 Byhalia Road, the surviving spouse has requested approval to establish a burial site on the 10.9 acres located at the residence, per Mr. Smith’s last wishes.

Mr. Donald Yount, a close and personal confidant of Mr. & Mrs. Smith and the Smith’s son appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss this issue. Mr. Yount explained to the Board he and Mr. Smith’s son have spoken to Mrs. Smith regarding this request. Mr. Yount said Mr. & Mrs. Smith have beautified this 10.9 acres and frequently discussed the probability of a burial site. Mr. Yount said that he has cautioned Mrs. Smith about the problems associated with a burial site on private property. However, Mrs. Smith is steadfast in her desire to carry out Mr. Smith’s request.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis explained to Mr. Smith’s son establishing a burial site on private property would lower the property value. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Yount if this is a case of financial hardship. Mr. Yount said no.

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Supervisor John Caldwell said he is sympathetic with the Smith’s, however, in the generations to come, who would maintain this burial site. Mr. Yount replied, the family will maintain this site. Supervisor John Caldwell said he felt by approving this burial site on private property ,this action would set a precedent for other residents of DeSoto County.

Chancery Clerk, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis said from a personal standpoint, he had purchased a farm unknowing of a burial site on this property. Mr. Davis said while performing dirt work, he was made aware of the site.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion, to proceed with a public hearing June 7th, 1999, and the Smith’s will have to present a petition of request to establish the burial site on private property located at 4720 Byhalia Road. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes

Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

**9. Cooper Appeal of Tower Ventures Conditional Use - South side of Star Landing,
West of Highway 301, Section 24, Township 2, Range 9**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reconsider the cell tower motion passed earlier in this meeting. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to amend the previous vote to allow Bell South to donate any part of the property to the Church. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess until Tuesday, June 1st, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
District 3-----Vacant
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

This the 17th day of May, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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5/17/99

